

VOTERS GUIDE EDITOR

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Registered voters who are ill, disabled, or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the county Board of Elections at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Completed absentee ballots must be received back at the Board of Elections by 5 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2013. If an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after the Tuesday application deadline, call your county Board of Elections for information on emergency absentee voting. Proof of emergency may be required. Any disabled voter having polling questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult their county Board of Elections.

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

PRIMARY ELECTION 2013

TUESDAY, MAY 21
POLLS OPEN 7 A.M.-8 P.M.

ELECTION COVERAGE

Look for voter checklists on Monday, May 20, and follow the election online all day May 21 on themorningcall.com

- Updates
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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Job Description

The Superior Court is one of Pennsylvania's two statewide intermediate appellate courts. This court, which was established in 1895, reviews most of the civil and criminal cases that are appealed from the Courts of Common Pleas in the Commonwealth's 67 counties. The Superior Court consists of 15 judges who serve 10-year terms. The president judge of Superior Court is elected to a five-year term by his or her colleagues.

A huge volume of appeals flows to Superior Court from the trial courts. Generally, appeals are heard by panels of three judges sitting in Philadelphia, Harrisburg or Pittsburgh. The court often is the final arbiter of legal disputes. Although the Supreme Court may grant a petition for review of a Superior Court decision, most such petitions are denied and the ruling of the Superior Court stands.

Term: 10 years

Salary: \$188,337

Republican

Vote for one

VICTOR P. STABILE

Carlisle
<http://www.vicstabile.com>

D.O.B.: 1957

EDUCATION: 1982, Dickinson School of Law, J.D., Member Law Review 1979, SUNY Stonybrook, cum laude, B.A.

OCCUPATION: Partner, Dilworth Paxson LLP
QUALIFICATIONS: Appellate judicial clerk, deputy attorney general, partner – Dilworth Paxson LLP, 30 years trial and appellate experience, 10 years local elected official, significant community and pro bono service

RESPONSE: Increased use of alternate dispute resolution alternatives. Streamline procedural rules. Increased use of technology to reduce court costs and administration.

Democrat

Vote for one

JACK MCVAY JR.

Pittsburgh

D.O.B.: 1956

EDUCATION: Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, bachelor of science, 1980; University of Pittsburgh, summer classes; Duquesne University School of Law, juris doctorate, 1984.

OCCUPATION: Allegheny County Common Pleas Judge, Family Division.

QUALIFICATIONS: Assistant county solicitor, Allegheny County, 1984-1992, 1997-2007; assistant city solicitor, city of Pittsburgh 1995-1998; Allegheny County Housing Authority, 1993-1995. Highly recommended by the Allegheny County Bar Association; recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

RESPONSE: Utilize technologic advances like video conferencing, Skype and other innovations to make court more accessible. Expand hours to evenings and weekends to accommodate working families. Extend the rule apply to the appellate courts that Pennsylvania trial judges in the lower courts must follow in cases involving children requiring action with 30 days when their decisions are appealed.

JOSEPH C. WATERS JR.

No response

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

The District Justice is the Court of the first instance. It is a small claims court which has jurisdiction up to \$8,000 and handles all criminal and traffic cases that arise in the district. They preside over arraignments and can fix and accept bail on criminal cases not involving murder or voluntary manslaughter.

Term: 6 years

Salary: \$86,639

Candidates were asked the following:

Would you support an amendment to the PA Constitution changing the method of selecting statewide judges to a merit selection process? Why or why not?

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 03-2-05

City of Easton Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6

Republican/Democratic cross-filed

Vote for one

TONY BASSIL

<http://www.facebook.com/ElectBassilfor-Magistrate>

D.O.B.: 1958

EDUCATION: B.A., business & finance, 1981, American University, Lebanon

OCCUPATION: Easton City controller and co-owner of the Carmelcorn Shop, Easton
QUALIFICATIONS: Over 30 years of experience as a corporate controller with vast knowledge in management contract and legal oversight; Easton city controller since 2006 and a commissioner and treasurer of the home rule charter; member of the pension and finance committee of the city of Easton
RESPONSE: Yes, I do support the merit selection process because a candidate for judge should be able to present themselves in front of a judicial nonpartisan nominating commission to discuss their qualifications based on education, personality, good standing with the law and community.

ANTONIA GRIFO

<https://www.facebook.com/CommitteeToElectAntoniaGrifoDistrictJudge>

D.O.B.: 1956

EDUCATION: Phillips Exeter Academy, 1974, H.S. diploma, with high honors; Bryn Mawr College, 1978, B.A., cum laude; Fordham University School of Law, 1982, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Attorney

QUALIFICATIONS: Former judicial law clerk; assistant district attorney, Northampton County; instructor, East Stroudsburg University; managing partner, Law Offices of Shipman & Grifo; 30 years as practicing attorney; general civil trial practice, downtown Easton; 30 years community service in Easton as volunteer and board member; lifelong resident of Easton; wife, mother & grandmother

RESPONSE: In a democracy, voters should elect public officials. It's the American way. Our collective wisdom is as valuable as that of an appointed panel. In either case, transparency and full financial disclosure are essential to assure that undue influence does not corrupt the process. Vigilance is the price of democracy.

SHARBEL KOORIE

D.O.B.: 1967

EDUCATION: 1985 Easton Area High School

OCCUPATION: City of Easton code officer/inspector.

QUALIFICATIONS: City code officer and inspector for the last nine years enforcing municipal laws that are adopted by our city. Hold six inspector licenses with the state of PA: Commercial building inspector; commercial mechanical inspector; commercial plumbing inspector; commercial energy inspector; accessibility inspector; property maintenance inspector.

RESPONSE: After reviewing the thought of a change, I would support a merit selection process. The cost of raising money for these types of statewide seats is incredible. I believe a merit selection would give all candidates a fair opportunity on being selected for judge.

Democrat

Vote for one

LANCE WHEELER

D.O.B.: 1967

EDUCATION: Easton Area HS Class of 1986; attended Keystone Junior College & West Chester Community College

OCCUPATION: PA state constable

QUALIFICATIONS: Appointed constable 1996-2000; Northampton County sheriff 1998-2000; Northampton Co Court officer for President Judge Robert Freedberg 2000-2008; Northampton County lead court deputy 2008-2011; PA state constable 2009-present; Lafayette College security officer 2000-2013.

RESPONSE: No I would not support an amendment to the constitution. I agree with the current selection process because the voters are the people who chose to elect the person in office.

TIMOTHY J. PRENDERGAST

<http://www.voteprendergast.com>

D.O.B.: 1967

EDUCATION: Easton Area H.S. Class of 1985; Univ. of North Carolina, Greensboro, B.A., 2000, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa; Penn State Dickinson School of Law, juris doctor, 2003.

OCCUPATION: Attorney in private solo practice, public defender, Northampton County

QUALIFICATIONS: Attorney, 10 years, criminal defense and family law, public defender, juvenile public defender. I have handled every type of case that comes before a district Judge from homicide to landlord/tenant. I have practiced before over 30 district judges in 17 counties. //

RESPONSE: I would support the amendment as long as that process were transparent and insulated from the political arena by clear standards set or those being subject to the merit selection. A selection process devoid of majority rule or financial influence. Large money donors, political action communities and lobbyists require that those who are trusted to be neutral arbiters of the law be insulated from this influence.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 03-2-06

City of Easton Wards 9, 10, 11 & 12, Glendon and Williams Townships

Republican/Democrat cross-filed

Vote for one

DANIEL G. CORPORA

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 03-2-08

Bath, Nazareth and Stockertown Boroughs; East Allen and Upper Nazareth Townships

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**Republican/Democrat
cross-filed**

Vote for one

JOHN CAPOBIANCO

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 03-2-11

City of Bethlehem Wards 15, 16 & 17

**Republican/Democrat
cross-filed**

Vote for one

PATRICIA ROMIG-PASSARO

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Except where an exclusive original jurisdiction is vested in another court, the Court of Common Pleas have unlimited original jurisdiction of all civil and criminal actions and proceedings. Northampton County has nine Judges of Court of Common Pleas.

Candidates were asked: What three suggestions do you have to improve court procedures and efficiency?

Term: 10 years

Salary: \$173,271

**Republican/Democrat
cross-filed**

Vote for one

TOM CARROLL

<http://tomcarrollforjudge.com>

D.O.B.: 1962

EDUCATION: 1984, Penn State University, B.A.; 1988, Catholic University of America, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Sole practitioner attorney
QUALIFICATIONS: 25 years of legal experience; prosecutor in both Montgomery and Northampton counties; insurance defense with Philadelphia law firm; criminal defense and civil and family law matters as a sole practitioner in 15 PA counties

RESPONSE: Implementation of divisionary courts including Behavioral Health, Veterans and Drug Courts. A large percentage of criminal cases involve a combination of mental health and drug addiction and alcohol addiction. Strong evidence that these courts reduce recidivism, protect the community with

the use of intensive supervision while addressing mental health and drug addiction issues. Eliminate the Call of the Trial List in Criminal matters and list the cases to individual judges to be assigned by Court Administration after the Formal Arraignment.

ABE KASSIS

<http://kassisforjudge>

D.O.B.: 1967

EDUCATION: 1989, Hofstra University, B.A.; 1993, Northern Illinois University College of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: 1999-present, Northampton County District Attorney's Office, assistant D.A.; 1995-present, Law office of Abraham P. Kassis

QUALIFICATIONS: Assistant D.A., trial prosecutor for 14 years; private practice attorney for nearly 20 years with varied experience in civil and family law

RESPONSE: 1) Measures should be in place to provide equal access for all parties to the court system, especially when it pertains to affordability of fees and costs. 2) The courts need to continue its efforts to provide litigants with more opportunities to engage in settlement discussions with judges, and hopefully reach more amicable resolutions. 3) I would like to explore way for the courts to become more efficient by utilizing better and faster electronic communications, filing and record-keeping.

JENNIFER SLETVOLD

<http://jennifersletforjudge.com>

D.O.B.: 1972

EDUCATION: 1994, West Chester University, B.S., criminal justice; 1997, Dickinson School of Law, juris doctor

OCCUPATION: Attorney, college professor, mother

QUALIFICATIONS: Attorney for 15 years with broad spectrum of civil trial experience in state and federal courts, representing businesses, individuals, and victims of crimes; professor at Northampton Community College teaching Law for Emergency Services to police officers and firefighters; and Business Law and Contract Law. ///

RESPONSE: 1) Work with courts and social agencies to reduce prison overcrowding by getting mentally ill persons out of the prison system. Have DUI and drug offenders steamlined for remedial sentences to address core problems and reduce recidivism. 2) Have civil cases assigned to individual judges from inception to oversee management from start to finish. 3) Work with criminal division and probation to collect backlog of unpaid criminal fines and court costs.

CHRIS SPADONI

D.O.B.: 1951

EDUCATION: 1973 Lycoming College, B.A.; 1976, University of Akron, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Attorney

QUALIFICATIONS: Assistant public defender; assistant Northampton County district attorney; Northampton County chief public defender; Guardian Ad litem / Children &

Youth; Bethlehem City Council solicitor; assistant Northampton County solicitor; city of Bethlehem tax appeal hearing officer; city of Easton tax appeal hearing officer; Lower Mt. Bethel solicitor; Stockertown Zoning Hearing Board solicitor

RESPONSE: Continue to elect candidates for judge with experience, integrity, and character to assure the efficient, proper, and fair administration of justice to the residents of Northampton County. These qualified Judges must engage and include the Northampton County community in outreach programs and other community based programs. Northampton County judges have and must continue the open, timely, and transparent administration of justice for the Northampton County Community. All elected judges must continue the timely administration of the criminal court docket.

EXECUTIVE

Candidates were asked: What do you view as the major issue in this campaign and how will you address it?

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

JOHN BROWN

Democrat

Vote for one

GLENN F. REIBMAN

Forks Township

<http://reibmanforcountyexecutive.com>

D.O.B.: 1947

EDUCATION: Easton Area High School, (1965); East Stroudsburg University, B.S. (1969); Med (1978)

OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS: Northampton County executive (Jan. 5, 1998-Jan. 2, 2006); Northampton County Council president (Jan. 1992-Jan. 5, 1998); Northampton County Council (Jan. 2, 1990-Jan. 5, 1998).

RESPONSE: The major issue in this campaign is job creation and economic development. While serving two terms as Northampton County executive, my administration was results-oriented. We facilitated billions of dollars in economic development, which brought thousands of jobs to all corners of Northampton County. We need to revive the unprecedented development that my administration accomplished. Please vote for experience, vision, and results on May 21.

LAMONT McCLOURE

Bethlehem Township

<http://www.lamontmcclore.com>

D.O.B.: 1970

EDUCATION: Duquesne School of Law, J.D., 1995; Wilkes University, B.A., history and international studies with a minor in East

European and Russian studies.

OCCUPATION: Attorney at law, Peter G. Angelos, P.C., representing victims of exposure to asbestos for 12 years.

QUALIFICATIONS: Northampton County Council seven years; former chairman NCC Finance Committee; chairman NCC Legal and Judicial Committee seven years.

RESPONSE: The fight to save Gracedale is not over. I was a leader of that fight and we won. My plan to stabilize the finances of Gracedale is working. As county executive, I will finish the job and work to improve the quality of care there. I pledge that in my first term as county executive I will not raise property taxes.

JOHN CALLAHAN

Bethlehem

<http://callahanforexecutive.com>

D.O.B.: 1969

EDUCATION: B.S., biology, Moravian 1991 (cum laude)

OCCUPATION: Mayor, city of Bethlehem

QUALIFICATIONS: Senior institutional healthcare consultant at Pfizer (12 years); Bethlehem city counselman 1998-2004 (seven years); mayor of Bethlehem 2004-2013 (10 years)

RESPONSE: Creating jobs. As mayor, I led the effort to transform Bethlehem Steel grounds into a thriving economic engine that attracts billions in private-sector investment. I've worked to create thousands of family-sustaining jobs. I know the high-paying, 21st century jobs are the key to keeping the next generation in Northampton County. As county executive, I will use this strategic approach to engage with the private sector and create more jobs right here at home.

COUNTY COUNCIL AT LARGE

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for not more than five

HAYDEN R. PHILLIPS

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Hayden-Phillips-for-Northampton-County-Council/37896118878563?ref=stream>

D.O.B.: Not provided

EDUCATION: Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre, 1971; B.S., Mansfield State University, 1975; MBA, Lehigh University, 1980.

OCCUPATION: Senior information technology project manager for Hewitt Packard (Enterprise Services).

QUALIFICATIONS: First time I have run for public office. Leadership: Retired colonel United States Marine Corps Reserves; senior management: Technical and financial among diverse, competing stakeholders.

RESPONSE: The combination of taxes; (school & county property, municipal, fed-

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NOTE: Only candidates in contested races were asked for a response.

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eral/state income, gasoline); creates a crushing burden. It is driving seniors out of their homes. Likewise, the cumulative amount of federal, state, county and municipal debt is staggering and is our negative inheritance to our grandchildren. There is a need for citizens (not politicians) to go in at every level of government and say this must STOP. I plan to be that citizen for Northampton County.

FRANK HESCH III

Northampton
www.facebook.com/ElectHesch

D.O.B.: 1981

EDUCATION: Graduate, Northampton Area High School, 1999; B.A., Moravian College, 2004

OCCUPATION: Operations manager, Hesch Service Station, Inc.

QUALIFICATIONS: Accredited wealth management advisor, nine years; operations manager, five years; president, Whitehall Area Chamber of Commerce, two years; awarded 2009 Person of the Year by Whitehall Area Chamber of Commerce

RESPONSE: I look at the status of our county and I have concerns about our financial standing. Northampton County has a responsibility to provide certain services and infrastructure components to its citizens. My concern is that some of these needs are being overlooked and not planned for effectively. I will address these needs in an efficient and effective manner so that we are not spending money we don't have and citizen's needs are not being overlooked.

GLENN GEISSINGER

Plainfield Township
http://GeissingerForCouncil.org

D.O.B.: 1965

EDUCATION: Whitehall High School, 1983; B.A., accounting, Moravian College 1988; ROTC DMG -Lehigh University ROTC, 1988; named to ODK (National Leadership Society), 1987

OCCUPATION: Managing partner, Alliance Media Group (advertising agency)

QUALIFICATIONS: Run several small businesses; strong work ethic; graduate US Army Infantry Officer Course and Detachment Commander with the XVIIIth Airborne Corps (detachment of 150 personnel under my command); currently run a successful advertising agency with employees and contract vendors nationwide.

RESPONSE: Major issue: Fiscal responsibility and planning that provides for the continued strength of our county and care of its people. How will I address it: I will ensure that we develop a realistic current and long-term budgeting plan, thus our hard earned tax dollars will provide for the long-term care of our citizens, such as continued improvement of the quality of care at Gracedale and provide a viable plan to maintain our roads and

buildings, our farmland, and repair and improve the county prison.

PEG FERRARO

Bushkill Township

D.O.B.: 1939

EDUCATION: Nazareth Area High School, 1957; Kutztown University, 1961.

OCCUPATION: Retired from Nazareth Area School District; part-time executive director, Nazareth Area Blue Eagles Education Foundation.

QUALIFICATIONS: Former Planning Commissioner member; chairman of Zoning Hearing Board and township supervisor & treasurer of Upper Nazareth Township; 18 years member of Northampton County Counsel, currently vice president.

RESPONSE: Fiscal responsibility must be first and foremost in all levels of government. Only by becoming more efficient can we stretch our tax dollars. Adams County is the first county in PA to do a serious restructuring of the way a county does business. It is my hope that the next county executive and county council looks at improvement practices to improve efficiencies.

MATTHEW BENOL

Palmer Township
www.mattbenol.com

D.O.B.: 1969

EDUCATION: Phillipsburg High School, 1987; B.A., Rutgers University, 1992

OCCUPATION: Production/account manager

QUALIFICATIONS: Former chairman, Lehigh Valley Tea Party one year; St. Andrews Lutheran Church Council, three years; taxpayer

RESPONSE: The major issue facing this campaign is the imminent cuts to the federal and state budgets. Regardless of who is responsible, cuts will be made to the federal budget. These cuts will result in reduced federal funding to the states. Pennsylvania will cut the funding to the counties, including Northampton County. I will hold every department accountable for their budget requests through \$0 based budgeting. County departments need to prove their budget requests not rely on past spending habits.

TRICIA MEZZACAPPA

No response

SETH VAUGHN

Bethlehem
www.votesethvaughn.com

D.O.B.: 1981

EDUCATION: B.S., economics, Penn State University, 2004; masters degree, DeSales University, 2010

OCCUPATION: Physician assistant

QUALIFICATIONS: Private sector business experience in tax preparation for multi-national companies; military: Operation Iraqi Freedom worked with government contractors to assist local government with infrastructure improvement projects; physician assistant with clinical and medical insurance knowledge; member, Lehigh Valley Planning

Commission.

RESPONSE: County government has been negligent to care for and provide the support needed for its aging infrastructure. As evident by the length of time to replace windows at Gracedale, purchase a new Human Services building due to neglect of the two current structures, and having 17 of our 115 bridges deemed structurally deficient. This reactive approach costs taxpayers more and jeopardizes safety. I will work tirelessly to fix our infrastructure problems with proactive research and problem solving on county council.

Democrat

Vote for not more than five

ISMAEL ARCELAY

No response

GERALD E. SEYFRIED

Lower Nazareth Township

D.O.B.: 1942

EDUCATION: Graduate, Liberty High

OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS: Elected: Northampton County executive; 12 years County Council, president four years, VP four years, director Court Services; chaired county's Finance, Personnel, Human Services, and Intergovernmental Affairs Committees; served on Lehigh/Northampton Joint Planning Commission, Soil Conservation District, Retirement Board; director Northampton County Development Corporation

RESPONSE: Major county issue is "loss of revenues and poor planning". More than 60 million dollars in fines, fees, cost, and restitution are owed the county. I will work to replace the "Criminal Division" under the courts control to improve collections of these funds. The county must implement the five year financial and capital improvements plan so we will never again have a crisis situation like we just experienced with the Wolfe and Bechtel Building.

RONALD R. HECKMAN

D.O.B.: 1949

EDUCATION: Northampton High School, 1967; East Stroudsburg University, 1971, B.A.; East Stroudsburg University, 1989, M.Ed.

OCCUPATION: Retired/volunteer; member, Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority; member, Steering Committee of Lehigh Valley Alliance for Aging.

QUALIFICATIONS: Former Northampton County councilman, eight years; former Northampton County Director of Human Services, eight years; served on numerous boards and authorities.

RESPONSE: The core responsibility of county government is services. Sources of county funding from the state and federal government are stagnant or being cut. The ability of the county to deal with inevitable increases in demand for county services with these limitations is the challenge. The county cannot simply transfer this tax burden to local prop-

erty owners. I have the knowledge and experience to reform county systems and work smarter while protecting taxpayers from unreasonable burdens.

KERRY MEYERS

Easton

D.O.B.: 1954

EDUCATION: Easton Area High School; US Nave (Pres. Honor Guard)

OCCUPATION: Asst. supervisor resident halls, Lafayette College

QUALIFICATIONS: Easton Area School Board, five years, past president; Community Involvements: Youth organization coach, 30 years; board member, various boards; president Alumni Varsity E, presently 12 years

RESPONSE: Gracedale: Make it economically sound and make it so it's fiscally sustainable. Human Services: Make the community voter friendly; make it easy access for all in the county. Veterans Affairs: Make it easy for all vets to get access. Become more positive about them in our community. Make them feel how important they are to us. Be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem.

CHRISTEN BORSO

Bethlehem

http://voteChristenBorso.com

D.O.B.: 1969

EDUCATION: Liberty High School, 1987; NCC, ASS, 1991

OCCUPATION: Owner/president, The Shopping List LLC; owner, Eye for Detail Remodeling and Construction, Inc.

QUALIFICATIONS: Breaking the Glass Ceiling YMCA Women Owned Business award winner 2012; member of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission; founder of Women Empowering Women, small business owner networking group

RESPONSE: I believe it is necessary to focus on the counties infrastructure. We have many bridges in need of replacing or repair. This must be done in order to not compromise the response times in emergencies, etc. I would also like to see the county strengthen their relationship with the LVEDC. I would encourage re-purposing the counties vacant buildings while protecting green space and human services in the county.

DEB HUNTER

Bethlehem

http://www.votedebhunter.org

D.O.B.: 1958

EDUCATION: Graduate, Salisbury High School; graduate, Moravian College, B.A., history; secondary education teaching certificate, Moravian College

OCCUPATION: Social studies teacher, Northampton High School

QUALIFICATIONS: Nazareth School Board Director & past president, 10 years; Northampton County Gaming Revenue and Economic Redevelopment Authority, vice-chair, 2009-2011; Bethlehem Human Relations Commission, vice-chair since March 2012;

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graduate of Northampton County Citizens Advisory 2012.

RESPONSE: How do we responsibly fund our important institutions so that the county retains control and oversight as demanded by the taxpayers? Also, how do we prioritize that funding for programs in Human Services, Corrections, Juvenile Detention Programs, and proper maintenance of county infrastructure? Educated decision making by the council and the executive plus smart promotion of the county as a haven for skilled workers will attract high-tech and industrial development strengthening our revenue base.

JASON TOEDTER
No response

TOM O'DONNELL
Lower Nazareth Township
D.O.B.: 1943
EDUCATION: Graduate, NCACC, Temple University; attended Delaware Law School of Widener College
OCCUPATION: Retired
QUALIFICATIONS: CYO Coach for S.S. Simon and Jude, Bethlehem; assistant Scout leader, Troop 78, Nazareth; LNT supervisor, six years, served as treasurer, then chairman; 37 years of experience in state government auditing and fiscal matters
RESPONSE: Attempted sale of Gracedale after 73% of voters in 2011, voted not to sell or lease it for 5 years! (26% higher then the infamous 47%); The issue is twofold: 1) Betrayal by those not seeking reelection! 2) Addressing Gracedale fiscal problems in-house. My 15 years of experience auditing many County Nursing Homes for the Medicaid Program in PA. I never audited Gracedale, because of a potential conflict of interest! Certified Fraud Examiner for 12 years.

WILLIAM BILL WALLACE
Williams Township
www.electbillwallace.com
D.O.B.: 1956
EDUCATION: Perkiomen Valley High School, 1974; Montgomery County Community College (A.A.) 1974; Penn State University (B.F.A.) and teaching certificate, 1980; Gratz College (M.A.Ed.) 2003
OCCUPATION: Teacher, Pennridge School District, South Middle School
QUALIFICATIONS: Candidate for council 2007 and 2009; candidate for PA Senate, 2010; Wilson Area School District member since November of 2012
RESPONSE: County Council needs to address five important issues. We need to revitalize our cities, boroughs and townships. We need to make our county government efficient and effective. We need to focus on developing and rebuilding our transportation infrastructure, while, at the same time, continuing to protect our open spaces and farm-

land. We need to protect our citizens' safety with effective criminal programs and facilities. Finally, we need to revise and update our employee policies which will make all families in Northampton safe and secure.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
BOROUGH

Candidates were asked: What do you view as the major issue in this campaign and how will you address it?

BANGOR	
MAYOR	
Term: 4 years	
Republican	
Vote for one	
No candidates	
Democrat	
Vote for one	
No candidates	
COUNCIL	
WARD 1	
Term: 4 years	
Republican	
Vote for one	
ROBERT J. RHODES, JR.	
Democrat	
Vote for one	
THOMAS WILLARD	
Term: 2 years	
Republican	
Vote for one	
KENNETH BREWER III	
Democrat	
Vote for one	
THOMAS WILLARD	
WARD 2	
Term: 4 years	
Republican	

Vote for one	
CATHERINE ALLEN	
Democrat	
Vote for one	
No candidates	
WARD 3	
Term: 4 years	
Republican	
Vote for one	
No candidates	
Democrat	
Vote for one	
No candidates	
WARD 4	
Term: 4 years	
Republican	
Vote for one	
JAMES W. KRESGE	
Democrat	
Vote for one	
No candidates	
BATH	
MAYOR	
Term: 4 years	
Republican	
Vote for one	
IORELLA REGINELLI-MIRABITO	
Democrat	
Vote for one	
No candidates	
COUNCIL	
Term: 4 years	
Republican	
Vote for not more than three	
MICHAEL D. REPH	
Democrat	

Vote for not more than three	
MICHELLE EHRGOTT CAROL K. BEAR	
CHAPMAN	
MAYOR	
Term: 4 years	
Republican	
Vote for one	
No candidates	
Democrat	
Vote for one	
No candidates	
COUNCIL	
Term: 4 years	
Republican	
Vote for not more than three	
No candidates	
Democrat	
Vote for not more than three	
No candidates	
Term: 2 years	
Republican	
Vote for one	
No candidates	
Democrat	
Vote for one	
No candidates	
EAST BANGOR	
MAYOR	
Term: 4 years	
Republican	
Vote for one	
No candidates	
Democrat	

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Vote for one

No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for not more than four

SUSAN RUGGIERO

Democrat

Vote for not more than four

STEVE TOTH

FREEMANSBURG

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

DONALD LASSO

D.O.B.: 1952

EDUCATION: Graduate of Freedom High School, 1970; Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech
OCCUPATION: Diesel mechanic, Wilson Area School District

QUALIFICATIONS: Borough councilman, 12 years; Freemansburg Fire Company, 35 years; also served on Civil Service Board, Sewer Authority & as fire marshal, and president of Firemans Relief Association.

RESPONSE: Community Care & Development – 1) research and apply for grants, 2) initiate clean-up days to encourage community pride, 3) stricter code enforcement. Safety – 1) Training for police officers, 2) more support for fire department. Communication – 1) open door policy, 2) initiate “meet with the mayor” nights.

GERALD C. YOB

D.O.B.: 1929

EDUCATION: Graduate Liberty High School, 1948

OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS: Borough mayor, 32 years; councilman, 12 years (president, nine years); current president, Association of Mayors of

the Boroughs of PA; member, Executive Board of Mayors; Mayor of the Year award, 2004; member, MECAB (president, five years); Certified Borough Official Program, (66 credits)

RESPONSE: During my tenure as mayor, I have worked hard to improve the status of Freemansburg. I have attended conferences and meetings of state and local organizations which focus on borough government. Through my membership on the County Gaming Committee, we have secured several large grants which allowed us to enlarge police facilities and purchase cruiser cars, computers, etc. at no cost to the taxpayers. If re-elected, I will continue working to move the borough forward.

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for not more than three

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for not more than three

GEORGE J. WILSON III

No response

MARK B. LORRAH

No response

WILL POWER

D.O.B.: 1966

EDUCATION: Freedom Class of 1984; colleges attended: Northampton, Temple and Moravian College; earned degrees in political science, business management, and education.

OCCUPATION: Maintenance, and does his own legal work

QUALIFICATIONS: Great understanding of government and legal issues, and many government and legal contacts, and an “always can do better” attitude

RESPONSE: Objective is to make positive environmental changes. To find a solution to the air quality problems our citizens smell from the sewer plant outside of our borders. To promote a positive and productive grass-roots communications with all of our residents; And to be a force in government which addresses the concerns of the many and not of the few.

RUDOLPH GALLICH

D.O.B.: 1943

EDUCATION: Attended Bethlehem Area School District

OCCUPATION: Trans-Bridge bus driver; 33 years at Bethlehem Steel

QUALIFICATIONS: Resident of the borough for 60 years, been on council for the last four years and served on council previously

RESPONSE: One of the major issues is financing, being finance chairman my goal is to

get moving forward and I feel we can achieve that with our new police chief and department and balanced budget. My goal also is to get the residents of Freemansburg more involved in council meetings and activities of Freemansburg.

GLENDON

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for not more than two

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for not more than two

No candidates

Term: 2 years

Republican

Vote for one

DONALD YOUNG

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

HELLERTOWN

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

RICHARD T. FLUCK

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for not more than four

LINDA L. LEEWRIGHT

Democrat

Vote for not more than four

THOMAS J. REIGER

https://www.facebook.com/riegerforcouncil
D.O.B.: 1987

EDUCATION: Bachelor of science in business management, East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, graduated August 2011; associates in business administration, Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, graduated May 2010.

OCCUPATION: Accounts payable specialist, Lehigh Valley Health Network

RESPONSE: I feel elected officials have a duty to keep those who elected them informed. I've done that over the last four years and I will continue to improve upon that in the term to come. I think continued investments in the future of our community will also be important. Our largest expense is in personnel, the biggest challenge will be to control those costs through contract negotiations.

GAIL H. NOLF

D.O.B.: Not provided

EDUCATION: B.S. in business management, Bloomsburg University; M.B.A., Lehigh University; teaching certificate, Gwynedd Mercy; multiple fire/emergency services certifications and classes

OCCUPATION: Secondary public school teacher of business subjects

QUALIFICATIONS: Past borough planning commissioner; two terms Borough Council member. I represent and advocate for transparent borough government and actively solicit and represent citizen input.

RESPONSE: Representative government is the primary issue. We do not lose our rights to be heard, our rights to have input, simply because we elect others to represent our opinions. Financial responsibility and good stewardship of borough parks, buildings, roads, and bridges, infrastructure and capital equipment are key. I will continue to be an open and transparent representative of families, working people, and those who have retired in our community after years of labor and service.

MICHAEL MCKENNA

D.O.B.: 1963

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EDUCATION: Delaware County Community College; Cabrini College.
OCCUPATION: General manager, Batterytest Equipment Co.
QUALIFICATIONS: Four years Hellertown council; six years Hellertown Water Authority; two years, trustee, Dewey Fire Co.
RESPONSE: I plan to make revenue development and fiscal responsibility my primary focus in the next four years. During my first term, Borough Council initiated several capital projects designed to enhance and maintain livability, promote a thriving and diverse Main Street business corridor. Over my second term, I will seek alternative revenues outside the borough tax-base; explore cost-sharing programs within the region and fee based services. My stewardship efforts will ensure a vibrant future for Hellertown.

PHILIP WEBER
No response

JAMES W. HILL
D.O.B.: 1972
EDUCATION: B.A., Lehigh University, 1994; J.D. Penn State, Dickinson School of Law, 2000
OCCUPATION: Self -employed, attorney-at-law
QUALIFICATIONS: PA state constable, borough of Hellertown, three years; member of PA Bar Association, 14 years; Hellertown & Lower Saucon Historical Society (member three years); Hellertown Historical Society Board member; Lion's Club member.
RESPONSE: As a representative of the people of Hellertown I would keep taxes down by being fiscally responsible. Running a small business, working within a budget, managing employees and meeting payroll, has taught me the importance of fiscal responsibility, something greatly needed in government these days. When it comes to making good decisions, I would not rely on luck. It takes responsibility, knowledge, foresight, and a commitment to the people of Hellertown.

NAZARETH

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

JACK R. HERBST

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

1ST WARD
Republican

Vote for one

CHRISTIAN AUDENRIED

Democrat

Vote for one

RICHARD H. TROXELL

2ND WARD
Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

SCOTT DELLATORE
D.O.B.: 1970
EDUCATION: I received a master's in education, specializing in counseling, from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania in 2008.
OCCUPATION: I am a school counselor for the Allentown School District and I recently opened a part-time counseling practice.
QUALIFICATION: Although I haven't held a position within local government in the past, I have been an active voter for many years.
RESPONSE: I believe, as a resident, it is important for me to take action and to assist in the resolution of difficult issues that currently impact the borough. As an elected official, I would like to ensure proper police protection while being fiscally responsible to the borough. Community concerns and recommendations regarding the police department should be addressed. Decisions should be made that will ultimately help to maintain Nazareth as a wonderful and safe place to live.

THOMAS C. HECKMAN
No response

3RD WARD
Republican

Vote for not more than two

CARL STYLE JR.

Democrat

Vote for not more than two

CHARLES A. DONELLO
JACK R. HERBST

NORTHAMPTON

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

THOMAS D. REENOCK

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

1ST WARD
Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

ROBERT COLEMAN

2nd WARD
Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

3rd WARD
Republican

Vote for one

ROBERT J. McHALE

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

4th WARD
Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

ANTHONY LOPSONZSKI JR.

NORTH CATASAUQUA

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

WILLIAM J. MOLCHANY JR.

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for not more four

PETER PAONE
WILLIAM NOTHSTEIN

Democrat

Vote for not more four

SHAWN P. MCGINLEY
WILLIAM J. MCGINLEY
CHERIE D. GEBHARDT
JOHN JOSEPH YANEK

PEN ARGYL

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

MIKE SABATINE

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

1st WARD
Republican

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Vote for one

MICHAEL G. NASATKA

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

2nd WARD
Republican

Vote for one

RALPH BEHLER

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

3RD WARD
Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

4TH WARD
Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

PORTLAND

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

LANCE PRATOR

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for not more than three

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for not more than three

STEVEN K. KNOTT
ROBERT NEAD

ROSETO

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

JOHN A. MARTOCCI

Democrat

Vote for one

JOSEPH C. ANGELINI

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for not more than four

PHILLIP M. CAIAZZO

Democrat

Vote for not more than four

MICHAEL J. ROMANO JR.
NICHOLAS MARTINO JR.

STOCKERTOWN

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

SHERMAN P. METZGAR
Deceased

ERIC WENZELBERGER

D.O.B.: 1957

EDUCATION: Easton High School, 1975; Northampton Community College, A.S./engineering 1978; Lafayette College, B.S., electrical engineering, 1982; real estate sales; air conditioning license; solar panels A-license
OCCUPATION: Not provided

QUALIFICATIONS: Prior: Stockertown Planning Commission; Zoning Hearing Board chairman. Emergency Management, NIMS 100/700; Dale Carnegie graduate/awards; Stockertown Youth Association Board; honest concern for Stockertown residents.

RESPONSE: One of the mayor's important functions is to assist in managing the Police Depart. I would work with police officers and council to trim fixed costs while increasing patrol hours at times when they are needed as dictated by resident requests and the safety of our children. Work with residents to bring their needs to Borough Council; represent the borough to the best of my ability using my current skill set.

Democrat

Vote for one

CHARLES DAVIS

No response

ROSEMARIE WENZELBERGER

D.O.B.: 1953

EDUCATION: Nazareth High School; Empire Beauty School; Emergency Training, NIMS 100 & 700; personal interest courses, Northampton Community College

OCCUPATION: Owner/operator beauty salon, Stockertown; Avon; council
QUALIFICATIONS: Councilor since 2002; council communities: Recreation, fire, police; boro native; honest, sincere; vested interest in community; guided by Mayor Sherman in personal and political discussions.

RESPONSE: Build a rapport between residents and Police Department; meet with police at least once a month and if necessary, ride along in squad car to see & hear department's concerns; call an early snow emergency to allow road crew to plow from curb to curb. I would be ever mindful of Mayor Metzgars thoughts and concerns for Stockertown (our town).

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for not more than three

KATHLEEN M. ZOONOWSKI
PAUL J. ZABOY
ERIC WENZELBERGER

Democrat

Vote for not more than three

CARL ZITO

ROBIN DAVIS
ROSEMARIE WENZELBERGER

Term: 2 years

Republican

Vote for one

KATHLEEN M. ZOONOWSKI
No response

PAUL J. ZABOY
No response

ERIC WENZELBERGER

D.O.B.: 1957

EDUCATION: Easton High School, 1975; Northampton Community College, A.S./engineering 1978; Lafayette College, B.S., electrical engineering, 1982; real estate sales; air conditioning license; solar panels A-license

OCCUPATION: Not provided
QUALIFICATIONS: Prior: Stockertown Planning Commission; Zoning Hearing Board chairman. Emergency Management, NIMS 100/700; Dale Carnegie graduate/awards; Stockertown Youth Association Board; honest concern for Stockertown residents.

RESPONSE: Work to abolish the current council president/vice president dictatorship as voted in by the current administration; all councilors should be equally informed and involve in the governing of Stockertown; all paperwork should be provided to all counselors. Avoid needless pet projects, instead listen to the wants as needed by the borough residents, such as infrastructure repair and prop crosswalks to ensure the safety of our children; downsize government spending on its own existence.

Democrat

Vote for one

ROBIN DAVIS
No response

ROSEMARIE WENZELBERGER

D.O.B.: 1953

EDUCATION: Nazareth High School; Empire Beauty School; Emergency Training, NIMS 100 & 700; personal interest courses, Northampton Community College.

OCCUPATION: Owner/operator beauty salon, Stockertown; Avon; council
QUALIFICATIONS: Councilor; treasurer, Stockertown Youth Association; board member Nazareth Ambulance, COG; Citizen award recommended by Mayor Metzger; council committees: Recreation, fire, police; boro native; sincere, honest.

RESPONSE: Over spending on non-sensical projects, ie. new signs, \$9000, Rails to Trails – two sections open ended; road improvements need before above projects; build rapport among school district bus company,

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council & parents, concerning safety issues; prevent raising taxes while having old money; give respect and courtesy to all; lack of equality across the council table; lack of all correspondence handed out to all council members to save a tree?

TATAMY

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

ANTHONY JASKOWIEC

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for not more than three

ROBERT J. HAYES
JOHN NADOLSKI JR.

Democrat

Vote for not more than three

MICHAEL RACZ

WALNUTPORT

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

WAYNE WEIDNER

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for not more than four

WILLIAM J. TURK
HAROLD C. GREENE
JOHN REHRIG
PATRICE D. HUNSICKER

Democrat

Vote for not more than four

DAVID STANKOVIC
Term: 2 years

Republican

Vote for one

PATRICE D. HUNSICKER

Democrat

Vote for one

LAURA J. STAUFFER

WEST EASTON

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

GERALD W. GROSS

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for not more than four

TRICIA MEZZACAPPA

Democrat

Vote for not more than four

LOUIS NIKO
THOMAS NODOLINE
TIMOTHY L. JONES
DANIEL DePAUL

WILSON

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

DAVID S. PERRUSO

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

1st WARD
Republican

Vote for one

LOUIS STARNIRI

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

2nd WARD
Republican

Vote for not more than two

LEONARD FEINBERG

Democrat

Vote for not more than two

RYAN WOODRING

3RD WARD
Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

DAVID L. JONES

WIND GAP

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

JAMES M. SHOEMAKER

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for not more than four

DAVID HESS

Democrat

Vote for not more than four

ANTHONY N. CURCIO
JOHN F. MAHER
JONATHAN FAUST

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
TOWNSHIPS

Candidates were asked: What do you view as the major issue in this campaign and how will you address it?

ALLEN

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for not more than two

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for not more than two

WILLIAM F. HOLMS
No response

LARRY OBERLY
D.O.B.: 1945
EDUCATION: Graduate of Northampton High School, 1963; B.S., East Stroudsburg, 1967; M.S., Kutztown, 1971
OCCUPATION: Retired teacher of history, government and economics
QUALIFICATIONS: Elected auditor, 1970-1982; numerous leadership awards in education and community services; currently serving many community boards and activities; 27 years volunteer Allen Township Fire Company
RESPONSE: The current township government lacks transparency and citizen questions often go unanswered. The citizens then believe that they have no voice in their gov-

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ernment. I believe the current Board of Supervisors needs some new members who will challenge the lack of transparency and serve as a voice for everyone in the township. If elected, that will be the first item I would like to change.

DALE N. HASSLER
D.O.B.: 1952
EDUCATION: Graduate, Northampton Area High School, 1970; served in Pennsylvania Army National Guard, 1971-1977
OCCUPATION: Retired from Lafarge North America as production coordinator
QUALIFICATIONS: Active Allen Township firefighter for 45 years; Allen Township fire chief, 1982-2004; Allen Twp. EMA coordinator, 1990-2004; Allen Twp. fire marshal, 1982-present
RESPONSE: A more transparent form of government is needed in Allen Township that is responsive to the people and willing to listen to their requests, needs, and to readily meet with them. By actively serving the people of Allen Township for over 45 years in the fire department I observed many changes in Allen Township. With that experience, I could be an asset to the board of supervisors and the people of Allen Township.

GARY A. BEHLER
D.O.B.: 1979
EDUCATION: Northampton Area High School, 1997; A.A.S., Northampton Community College, 2006; B.S., Moravian College, 2012
OCCUPATION: Registered nurse
QUALIFICATIONS: Raised in Allen Township. Past leadership positions include: Eagle Scout of Boy Scout Troop 40 of Kreidersville, EMT with East Allen Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps
RESPONSE: The major issue that should be the topic of every municipal election is: what is best for the residents of the municipality. I have a strong commitment to see this community prosper. At the same time, I believe a local government needs to do what it can to help ensure the safety, security, and well being of its residents. As supervisor, I will make the residents of Allen Township my top priority.

TERRI POWELL
D.O.B.: Not provided
EDUCATION: B.A., CSULB, 1985
OCCUPATION: Director of business development, ABCO of Northampton, LLC, a title company
QUALIFICATION: Team leader, OPAPA, one year; starting Northampton Area Women's Club; volunteer work throughout community; previous Allentown volunteer firefighter, 2005-2006; college and high school government offices held
RESPONSE: Taxes and zoning; I would look

over who we are using for various vendors and see if we can lower costs. Make sure zoning is not taking away parks and harming preserved space. Also, I would like to get the communities input and see where they would like changes made. One neighbor said she would like to see more community related activities for children.

MICHELLE DRZEWIECKI
No response

BETHLEHEM

COMMISSIONER

Term: 4 years

2ND WARD
Republican

Vote for one

MICKEY K. THOMPSON

Democrat

Vote for one

MICHAL HUDAK

4TH WARD
Republican

Vote for one

PAUL D. WEISS
D.O.B.: 1956
EDUCATION: 1974, Notre Dame High School; 1981, B.A.E., Penn State University
OCCUPATION: Owner, Weiss Construction
QUALIFICATIONS: Grew up in Bethlehem Township; Bethlehem Twp. Planning Commission, 16 yrs.; Bethlehem Twp. commissioner, eight yrs
RESPONSE: Bethlehem has been in front of the curve in planning and smart growth as our township has changed over the last 20 years. With today's economy focus on the budget and doing more with less continues to be newly important. We need to maintain our level of service we provide to our township and maintain our quality of life.

PAT BRESLIN
D.O.B.: 1966
EDUCATION: Saucon Valley High School (Hellertown); Allegheny College, 1988
OCCUPATION: Speaker/author
QUALIFICATIONS: Have detailed background in business, management and leadership roles over the last 25 years in the sportsman and leadership training industries
RESPONSE: I'm running to bring better lines of communication to the residents of the township and also to provide better fiscal accountability to the township.

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

BUSHKILL

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for not more than two

JASON SMITH
HOWARD E. KOSTENBADOR

Democrat

Vote for not more than two

No candidates
Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

CAROLYN HILL

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

EAST ALLEN

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for not more than two

MARK H. SWARTZ
No response

PEGGY M. MOSER
D.O.B.: 1959
EDUCATION: Northampton High School, 1977; Cedar Crest College, 2004, with honors
OCCUPATION: Secretary for DAR, founder and president of Horner's Historical Society, community project manager (unpaid positions)
QUALIFICATIONS: Endorsed by current supervisors from both parties; resident for 50+ years; 10 year Service Award from DAR; a community service award; former township employee; board and budget experience
RESPONSE: My major concern is spending since residents have been faced with a series of tax increases. As a resident of East Allen Township for 50 years, I am passionate about my neighbor's well being. I plan to look at all the options when it comes to spending, so we

truly get our money's worth. In this economy, the best approach is one that benefits all taxpayers.

DONALD HEINEY
D.O.B.: 1952
EDUCATION: Parkland School District, 1970; Ryder Technical Institute, 1973
OCCUPATION: Independent IT Consultant
QUALIFICATIONS: East Allen Township Board of Supervisors, two yrs five mon; township's Municipal Authority, chairman, three yrs; township's Planning Commission, secretary, one yr six mon; township's representative to First Regional Compost Authority, one yr six mon; township's Board of Auditors, chairman, two yrs; business owner, nine yrs.
RESPONSE: Experience and dedication: From my first interview with the Board of Supervisors in 2008, I have maintained that I view serving my community as a stewardship. The goal of the Board of Supervisors should be to manage the township in a responsible manner. To do so requires developing minimal growth in order to support a sustainable budget while still providing for the needs of our future generations of residents. I have the experience needed.

Democrat

Vote for not more than two

No candidates

FORKS

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

ERIC J. CHUSS

Democrat

Vote for one

ROBERT H. EGOLF
D.O.B.: 1939
EDUCATION: B.A., Muhlenberg College; M.A. and PhD., Lehigh University
OCCUPATION: Retired educator, Allentown School District and Lehigh University
QUALIFICATIONS: Forks Township supervisor, six years; Zoning Hearing Board, three years; completed seminars for municipal leaders: PennDOT and Regional Trails workshops, zoning update course
RESPONSE: Strengthening our township's infrastructure is a major issue. Many streets are old, needing repair. Sewer and water lines must be maintained to the highest standards. I was instrumental in asking our management

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staff to prepare a financial forecast. At times when finances are precarious for everyone, we must know what expenses lay ahead for Forks. I did not vote for the cost and design of Forks public works facility. I see it as extravagant spending.

BONNIE NICHOLAS
www.facebook.com/Bonnie4Supervisor
D.O.B.: 1955
EDUCATION: Easton Area High School, 1973; NCC, 1975; attended Lafayette for engineering classes
OCCUPATION: Senior mechanical designer at SMI
QUALIFICATIONS: Forks Township Zoning Hearing Board, eight years; Forks Township supervisor, six years; president of Forks Township Concerned Citizens, five years
RESPONSE: More financially responsible: Encourage more environmentally friendly business to improve our tax base; ask for support from township businesses; budget to maintaining our infrastructure; take advantage of every grant we can; collective purchasing; cut waste. Encourage communication and involvement of the residents: Broadcast supervisor meetings; give residents more than five minutes to speak and respond to them. There are many talented residents, many who may like to help. I set up a Facebook page to receive suggestions and ideas.

BLANDINE MBALLA-FONKEU
http://www.VoteForBlandine.com
D.O.B.: 1967
EDUCATION: M.S., Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany, 1998
OCCUPATION: Independent business consultant
QUALIFICATIONS: Forks Township resident, 12 years; Forks Neighborhood Organizer with OFA_PA, four4 years; statistical business consultant, seven years
RESPONSE: At this particular time when Forks families face financial hardship, fiscal prudence and transparency is vital. Residents want to know what is going on and when it is going on. Forks Township needs to promote open and transparent government that will not only inform but also encourage residents to participate with comments and vote on matters of importance to the community. Forks residents need to see detailed information on how their money is being spent.

HANOVER

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for two

STEVEN R. SALVESEN

JOHN N. DIACOGIANNIS

Democrat

Vote for two

No candidates

LEHIGH

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

DARRYL A. SNOVER

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

LOWER MOUNT BETHEL

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for not more than two

DAVID M. ASCANI

Democrat

Vote for not more than two

No candidates

LOWER NAZARETH

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

ROBERT S. KUCSAN

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

LOWER SAUCON

NOTE: Only candidates in contested races were asked for a response.

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for not more than two

DONNER M. LOUDER

No response

RONALD W. HORISZNY

D.O.B.: 1940

EDUCATION: Lansing (MI) Sexton H S., 1958; Michigan State Univ., B.S., 1962; Michigan State Univ. M.S., 1964

OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS: Township Council member 8+ years

RESPONSE: Continuing the quality of life in Lower Saucon Twsp. is the main issue & it must be done while maintaining our open space priorities & resolving the current library services issue. My intention is to listen to citizen input to ascertain the desires of the community & vote accordingly. Also, we need to promote development in the many closed retail sites in the twsp. to offset the future loss of land fill revenues.

GLEN KERN

No response

Democrat

Vote for not more than two

No candidates

MOORE

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

DAN PIORKOWSKI

Democrat

Vote for one

Republican

Vote for one

RANDOLF EMERY

D.O.B.: 1964

EDUCATION: Nazareth Area High School graduate, 1982

OCCUPATION: Not provided

QUALIFICATIONS: Former business owner and resident of Moore Township for over 25 years

RESPONSE: When asked questions at monthly meetings the supervisors have adjourned instead of answering the resident. On another occasion a resident was told that they would be receiving a complaint letter about their property while asking questions

at another monthly meeting. If elected, all residents will be treated equally without discrimination. I will not rule over residents but serve in an open public office (unlocked). Public welcome!.

LOIS KERBACHER

D.O.B.: 1951

EDUCATION: Northampton High School, 1970

OCCUPATION: Retired, 35 years of service from Allentown State Hospital as a purchasing agent and supervisor

QUALIFICATIONS: Worked at Moore Township for over seven years as secretary for Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, the Board of Supervisors and the zoning officer; a resident of Moore Township for over 42 years and own a 53-acre farm

RESPONSE: Preserving our township's natural resources which include farmland and open space for future generations. As an owner of a 53-acre farm for over 40 years and as a grandmother, I know firsthand the importance of preserving our rural heritage and way of life. Also, I will continue to work with the other supervisors to maintain our extremely low tax rate and maintain our budget. Experience and qualifications matter for a supervisor.

JOSEPH A. LATTERMANN JR.

No response

PALMER

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for nor more than two

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for nor more than two

FRANKLIN LAMBERT

D.O.B.: 1948

EDUCATION: Easton Area High School, 1966; continuing education courses throughout my career in the transportation

OCCUPATION: Retired director of transportation, Neshaminy School District

QUALIFICATIONS: Member of Pa. Assoc. of School Business Officials; member of transportation comm.; 2006, transportation director of the year for Bucks/Montgomery counties; certified CDL trainer, also certified to train the trainers of COL training for the state of PA; was a member of Suburban Rescue Squad, being captain for two years; also a member of the fire dept.

RESPONSE: The development of the north end of the township and the tax base that

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this will bring into the township. Our present Board of Supervisors has kept control of spending. Would like to see out fire dept. grow in membership and also look into a training ground so the members don't have to travel for future training.

K. MICHAEL MITCHELL
D.O.B.: 1944
EDUCATION: Easton Area High School graduate
OCCUPATION: Owner of Suburban Cleaners and Formalwear in Palmer Township
QUALIFICATIONS: Palmer Township supervisor for 14 years; past president, Palmer Lions Club, member 25 years; business owner in Palmer Township for over 35 years.
RESPONSE: Keeping Palmer a great and safe place to live; working to keep the budget balanced and keep taxes down; continuing to promote business growth to help create jobs; working toward the best land development use at the north end of the township (33 interchange).

JEFFREY YOUNG
No response

PLAINFIELD

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

RANDY L. HEARD
D.O.B.: 1952
EDUCATION: Nazareth Area High School, 1970; Temple University, 1974; Temple School of Dentistry, 1978
OCCUPATION: Self-employed dentist
QUALIFICATIONS: Plainfield Township supervisor, six years; chairman of the board, two years
RESPONSE: In the past, due to the current economic downturn and loss of township revenue from our landfill, we have needed to increase taxes to pay for expenses. The board has worked very hard to reduce our budget and restore fiscal responsibility. I would like to continue to do so and work to reduce our taxes. I also would like to continue to preserve farmland to maintain our rural environment.

SAM SAMGUINITO

D.O.B.: 1946
EDUCATION: Easton Area High School, Class of '64; Spring Garden Institute of Automotive Technology, 1968
OCCUPATION: Retired
QUALIFICATIONS: Owner of my own business for over 30 years; member of Zoning Board; vice president of Easton Area High School Vietnam War Memorial; Marine Corps veteran
RESPONSE: Taxes - Commercial development to keep taxes down. With development we still need to preserve farmland. In light of all the negativity about the police department and protecting our schools, it's time to put someone on the board of supervisors who will support the police and be able to provide a more effective liaison between the board and the police dept.

WANDA GRUBER
D.O.B.: 1953
EDUCATION: Nazareth High School
OCCUPATION: Housewife, grandmother!
QUALIFICATIONS: Alternate for Zoning Board, Plainfield; Vacancy Board, Plainfield Twsp. I care about our township. My husband and I have been here for 43 years.
RESPONSE: We need to address a number of issues to cut back on our spending to keep our taxes low. Examples: Businesses are needed to contribute to our tax base and bring jobs into the community. Therefore they need to comply with our zoning regulations. Because of the economy and taxes, a number of senior citizens and young families have abandoned their homes. Security in our township schools also need to be addressed.

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

DENNIS L. JONES

Democrat

Vote for one

JUDITH HENCKEL
D.O.B.: 1945
EDUCATION: Bangor H.S., 1962; East Stroudsburg University, B.A., Biology, 1977, M.S., biology, 1981
OCCUPATION: Retired wildlife research consultant and environmental educator
QUALIFICATIONS: Incumbent UMBT supervisor; MY national conservation and education work experience and travel, coupled with a decade of attendance at regional conservation and economic development sessions gives me a unique perspective to balance development in my township.

RESPONSE: Paying for the rising costs of municipal services without raising taxes or diminishing the cultural character that residents respect is a challenge. I prefer to maintain and utilize, without abusing, our township's natural assets and quality of life through innovative economic development planning. We have unrivaled river and ridge, farm and forest assets and unique habitats, that with our human resources can foster an economy of creative startup and recreational businesses that do not burden our municipal and school services.

ED NELSON
No response

DAVID DUE
D.O.B.: 1957
EDUCATION: Bangor High School
OCCUPATION: Self-employed contractor
QUALIFICATIONS: Resident of Upper Mt. Bethel Township for over 35 years; member of the Economic Development Committee; president of David Due Construction, Inc.; project manager for Country Springs Farm; homeowner and landlord
RESPONSE: What is the best interest of our tax paying citizens: Open space; farmland preservation; economic development; tourism.

UPPER NAZARETH

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for not more than two

MIKE RINKER
No response

JAMES AUGUSTINE
D.O.B.: 1976
EDUCATION: Central York H.S., 1994; B.A., economics, Lycoming College, 1998; J.D., Widener Univ., 2006
OCCUPATION: Assistant district attorney, Northampton County
QUALIFICATIONS: Township supervisor, one year; Zoning Heard Bd., one year; Mallinckrodt Baker Chemical, four years; private law practice, two years; asst. district attorney, 4 1/2 years; educational background and demonstrated leadership
RESPONSE: There are several issues affecting our expanding community. First, I will help to implement a state-mandated township-wide recycling program. Second, I will work with the appropriate state and local agencies and elected officials to solve the traffic problems at the intersection of Route 191 and Friedenstahl Avenue. Third, I will work toward a fiscally responsible budget that protects taxpayers while ensuring the continuation of the township services we all enjoy.

STEVE YTKIN
No response

Democrat

Vote for not more than two

WILLARD D. MOORE SR.

WASHINGTON

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

ROBERT D. SMITH
No response

DANIEL J. CRAFA
D.O.B.: 1953
EDUCATION: Graduate Bangor High School
OCCUPATION: Bangor Borough maintenance worker
QUALIFICATIONS: Township supervisor for 12 years
RESPONSE: I would like to work on improving the township roads and expanding the township recreation complex. A goal of mine would also be to retain the current tax rate. I have lived in Washington Township my entire life and have been proud to serve as a supervisor for the past 12 years. I believe that I have been instrumental in making the township a safe and enjoyable place to live.

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

WILLIAMS

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY CITIES

BETHLEHEM

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

J. WILLIAM REYNOLDS

www.jwilliamreynolds.net

D.O.B.: Not provided

EDUCATION: Liberty High School, 1999; Moravian College, 2003.

OCCUPATION: Teacher, Allen High School. QUALIFICATIONS: Vice president, Bethlehem City Council; Finance Committee, chair; former legislative aide to state Rep. Steve Samuelson; Bethlehem Area Public Library Board of Directors; Moravian College Alumni Board; Calypso Elementary School Leadership Team; North Central LL, Hurricane Basketball Club coach.

RESPONSE: Bethlehem is a city with high quality of life and thriving downtowns. The biggest challenge our city faces is continuing to find ways to retain and attract middle class families to our neighborhoods. My "Winning Our Neighborhoods" plan is a comprehensive effort to protect and improve the quality of life in Bethlehem. My approach calls for increased governmental investment and citizen participation in efforts that will develop and strengthen our middle class neighborhoods.

ROBERT J. DONCHEZ

www.BobDonchez.com

D.O.B.: 1950

EDUCATION: Liberty High School, 1968; Kutztown State University, 1972.

OCCUPATION: Retired educator, Allentown School District, 2007; chief staff, state Rep. Daniel McNeill.

QUALIFICATIONS: City councilman since 1996; City Council president (1998-2001) (2008-2012); served on many city boards, and community organizations.

RESPONSE: Major issues facing Bethlehem: 1. Fiscal stability: Due to increasing medical and pension costs, efforts must be made to review all aspects of city government and to look for creative ways to reduce spending and to run the city more efficiently. 2. Public Safety: Continue to be a strong advocate for public safety initiatives in police, fire, and EMS. 3. Economic Development; neighborhoods: Will continue to support balanced

economic development, strong neighborhood code enforcement, and encourage deconverting apartments. //

COUNCIL

AT LARGE

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for not more than four

CHRIS MORALES

Democrat

Vote for not more than four

DAVID LUMP SANDERS

D.O.B.: 1949

EDUCATION: 1967 H.B. Plant, Tampa, FL.

OCCUPATION: Self-employed, Lump's Center St. Deli, 26years, and president, S&S Rentals, 25years

QUALIFICATIONS: Businessman; Bethlehem Housing Board member for eight years, four years as chairman, currently vice chairman, and senior member, Finance Committee; Northampton County Appeals Board of Personnel

RESPONSE: Maintaining the quality of Bethlehem. My solution would be to listen to residents. Listen to small business. Try to make sure residents understand what council's responsibilities are. Maintain a good working relationship with the school board. Work to pay down current debt to avoid future tax hikes while trying to retain good quality jobs in the city and avoid privatization. Public safety jobs being a priority.

STEVE MELNICK

www.stevemelnickforcouncil.com

D.O.B.: 1944

EDUCATION: Orange County Community College, A.A., 1964; Parsons College, B.A., 1967.

OCCUPATION: V.P. of Entrepreneurial Development, retired Dec. 31, 2012

QUALIFICATIONS: Bethlehem Human Relations Commission member; Rising Tide Community Loan Fund past president; Community Development Corp. of Bethlehem, charter member; American Legion Post 0379 Bethlehem, PA Honor Guard.

RESPONSE: The main issue facing Bethlehem today is how to reduce our budget deficit without reducing services. Budgets should be tied to performance and outcomes. Protecting budgets from council cuts, department heads typically spend every dollar of their annual budget. I recommend investigating priority based budgeting, which would allow the city to concentrate on developing budgets where outcomes are measured against expenses. Department heads could then be more efficient without worrying about having their budgets cut.

BRYAN CALLAHAN

CallahanforBethlehem.com

D.O.B.: 1962

EDUCATION: 1980, Liberty High School; B.A., journalism/public relations, Lock Haven Univ., 1985; master of science, Wilkes University, 1999 //

OCCUPATION: Department chairperson, Freedom High School, Bethlehem Area School District; co-owner Fancy Sports Fotos; owner, Bryan Callahan's Driving School

RESPONSE: As a small business owner, I understand that we need to maintain a balanced budget and continue to live within our means. By holding the line on taxes, we can ensure that Bethlehem remains an affordable city for families and an attractive environment for business. We need to continue responsible and sustainable development. By focusing on the revitalization of the former Steel site and identifying creative opportunities, we can bring family sustaining jobs to Bethlehem.

ADAM WALDRON

On Facebook: Adam Waldron for Bethlehem City Council

D.O.B.: 1984

EDUCATION: Liberty High School, 2002; West Chester University, B.S., business management

OCCUPATION: Owner, Adam Waldron Painting, Residential Painting Contractor. I started painting homes in 2003 while a full time student to fund my education. Upon graduation I moved back to the LV and continued painting. I pride myself on providing a high quality job and delivering customer satisfaction.

QUALIFICATIONS: No response.

RESPONSE: City Council needs to be represented by a diverse cross-section of informed passionate individuals. My small business background and positive approach to government would be an asset on council. I will take a progressive approach when dealing with all residents and issues during the campaign, and if elected to serve. Bethlehem residents deserve a responsive government, which will effectively administer and spend tax dollars, while listening to the opinions of its citizens.

ERIC EVANS

http://ericevansforcouncil.com

D.O.B.: 1969

EDUCATION: Liberty High School, 1987; University of Pittsburgh, 1991, B.S., finance; University of Scranton, 1997, M.B.A.

OCCUPATION: Teacher, eighth-grade American History; Bethlehem Area School District. QUALIFICATIONS: Current president of City Council; past chair of Parks & Public Property Committee; past member of Finance and Public Safety committees; 10-year president of City Line Little League.

RESPONSE: The budget will continue to be the most important issue for the city. It's the job of the administration and City Council to deliver basic city services in an effective, cost-efficient manner, and we need to accomplish this through a balanced approach

of economic development and expense control. With my educational background and professional experience in banking, I am equipped to understand, analyze, and offer recommendations that result in a balanced budget.

KAREN DOLAN

http://www.Facebook.com/KarenforCouncil

D.O.B.: 1960

EDUCATION: B.A., Rutgers; teaching certification, Moravian.

OCCUPATION: Executive director, Fox Environmental Center.

QUALIFICATIONS: City councilwoman, eight years; YWCA "Woman of the Year," a PSEA School-Community Relations award; the "Community Service Award" PA Diversity Network "Igniting Creative Energy" award National Energy Foundation; a "Move and Shaper" in LV Magazine.

RESPONSE: Trash collection: Some change needed: #1 citizen complaint is trash, dumping is pervasive. Every Bethlehem day is "trash day." However, single-hauler could result in less recycling and higher senior prices. I would support hiring a local hauler to collect our trash only if offering recycling/trash reduction incentives, and senior discounts. Other Major Issues: Martin Tower, city's financial health, pursuits to circumvent zoning, balancing business district growth and quality neighborhoods.

EASTON

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

DISTRICT 1
Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

ROGER RUGGLES

DISTRICT 2
Republican

Vote for one

KIM YEDLOSKY

Democrat

Vote for one

JIM EDINGER

DISTRICT 3

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NOTE: Only candidate's in contested races were asked for a response.

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Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

SANDRA ALERCIA VULCANO

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Candidates were asked: What do you view as the major issue in this campaign and how will you address it?

BANGOR AREA AT-LARGE

Boroughs of Bangor, Roseto, Portland; Townships of Upper Mount Bethel, Lower Mount Bethel and Washington

Term: 4 years

Republican/Democrat cross-filed

Vote for not more than four

BOB CARTWRIGHT

No response

KENNETH L. BREWER JR.

Bangor

D.O.B.: 1949

EDUCATION: Graduate, Bangor High School, 1967

OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS: Board of Supervisors, Lower Mount Bethel Twp., 1982-1988; Bangor School District, Economic Development Committee 2001-2012; board member and coach, Bangor Youth Football Organization, 30 years

RESPONSE: Keeping a line on taxes is always a major issue. Holding rates at 1% so there is no burden for those on a fixed income. My vision is for the Bangor School District to be a "model school" both in academics and in sports. I want to see "all" of our students getting the best education possible with the best materials, teachers, administrators and extra-curricular personnel.

KIMBERLY GAMBALE

No response

KEVIN PRUETT

No response

CRAIG. J. BERGER

No response

BETHLEHEM AREA

AT LARGE

City of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Township, Hanover Township and the Boroughs of Free-mansburg and Fountain Hill

Term: 4 years

Republican/Democrat cross-filed

Vote for not more than three

MICHAEL E. FACCINETTO

SHANNON PATRICK

ANGELA T. SINKLER

REGION 1 Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

ROGELIO ORTIZ

REGION 2

Term: 2 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

SHANNON PATRICK

EASTON AREA

City of Easton, Borough of Riegelsville, Townships of Forks, Palmer, Lower Mount Bethel

Term: 4 years

REGION I

Palmer Township, 8th West Ward in the city of Easton.

Republican/Democrat

Vote for one

BARON VANDERBURG

REGION II

Riegelsville, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Wards of the city of Easton

Republican/Democrat

Vote for not more than two

DR. PAT VULCANO JR.

Easton

D.O.B.: 1947

EDUCATION: 1966 graduate, Easton Area HS; also have three degrees in business, three in

education and a doctor's degree in public administration

OCCUPATION: Career consultant

QUALIFICATIONS: Eight years on the Children and Youth Board for Northampton County; 20 years in East City Hall (as an Easton elected official); 12 years on the Easton School Board; three Teacher of the Year awards; 30 years of teaching H.S.

RESPONSE: The major issue is finances. We must give the students the best education the taxpayers can afford. We must stop raising taxes every year. I feel our top heavy with principals across the school district. We must reinforce our schools for the safety of our students, teachers and staff. I also feel we must get back to the basics so our school programs are understandable to our students and parents. We must cut costs wherever possible.

MICHELLE PRICE

Easton

D.O.B.: 1968

EDUCATION: B.A., Juniata College, 1990; M.S., Johns Hopkins University, 1999, Special Education

OCCUPATION: Special education teacher

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 23 years experience in child development and education. I coordinate educational and related services for my students. I also work with preschool programs to help children with and without special needs succeed in school.

RESPONSE: The school budget is one of the most important issues that our district faces. We need to look at creative ways to balance our budget while maintaining a quality education for all of our children. The school board needs to be actively engaged in conversations with our local legislators, the relevant unions and the community about the issue of financing our public schools. By enlisting ideas from the whole community, we can find innovative solutions.

ROBERT OBEY

No response

REGION III

Lower Mount Bethel Township; Independent District, Forks Township, 3rd, 6th, 7th, and 8th Ward Eastern District in the city of Easton

Republican/Democrat

Vote for not more than two

DOMINICK BUSCEMI

Martins Creek

D.O.B.: 1949

EDUCATION: 1967 graduate, Notre Dame HS; 2000 graduate, Allentown Business School

OCCUPATION: Driver safety examiner

QUALIFICATIONS: Past president, Teamster Local 773, six years; former recording secretary Sandt's Eddy Fire Company; current organizer, LV Health Care Reform.

RESPONSE: The major issue is quality education for the students in the Easton Area School District at an affordable tax rate for the residents of the District. I will address issues by involving parents, teachers, stu-

dents, unions, community leaders and the taxpayers of the district to share our ideas and talents to achieve that goal. It's imperative that we have a unified effort for our concerns to be heard by our state and federal legislators.

ROBERT J. MOSKAITIS

Easton

D.O.B.: 1951

EDUCATION: Ph.D. chemistry, University of Pittsburgh, 1978; science education, University of Maryland, 1972

OCCUPATION: Research scientist, MINTEQ International, Easton

QUALIFICATIONS: EASD School Board Director, two years; IU-20 Board Director, two years; EASD School Board Negotiating Committee, one year; EASD resident/taxpayer/homeowner, 34 years; research scientist/manager, 35 years.

RESPONSE: 1. Budget Crisis – The unsustainable teachers union contract has unfairly burdened the district. As a member of the board negotiating committee, I will negotiate a fiscally responsible contract. 2. EAHS – EAHS has failed state testing for seven years. I will advocate for increased science and math graduation requirements with focus on academic achievement. 3. Dysfunctional Administration – I voted to replace the current superintendent. I will encourage the new superintendent to build an effective leadership team.

MATT MONAHON

www.mattmonahonforschoolboard@nation-builder.com

D.O.B.: 1978

EDUCATION: B.S. in chemical engineering, University of South Carolina 2001; master of business administration, Wesleyan College 2006

OCCUPATION: Product manager at BASF Corp.

QUALIFICATIONS: Product manager at global chemical company four years. Lead and participant in multiple negotiations for global chemical company nine years.

RESPONSE: I have a vested interest in improving the school district in which my two children are enrolled. The biggest issue the Easton Area School Board faces is the budget. I have historically used my engineering background to optimize processes and implement efficiencies, and my MBA to manage the financial impact of those changes. With a proven record in business management, I will work with all involved to improve the Easton Area School District's financial stability.

NAZARETH AREA

Boroughs of Nazareth, Stockertown, Tatamy; townships of Upper Nazareth, Lower Nazareth, Bushkill

Term: 4 years

REGION I

Bushkill Township, Palmer Township and

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Tatamy Borough

Republican/Democrat

Vote for one

LORIN B. BRADLEY

REGION 2

Lower Nazareth Township & Upper Nazareth Eastern District

Republican/Democrat

Vote for not more than two

DARRELL W. CROOK
LINDA M. MCDONALD

Term: 2 years

Republican/Democrat

Vote for one

DARRELL W. CROOK

Nazareth
D.O.B.: 1945
EDUCATION: Hanover High School, 1963; East Stroudsburg University, B.S., 1967; Shippenburg University, M.Ed., 1970; elem. principal certificate, Lehigh University, 1978; superintendent Letter of Eligibility, Lehigh University, 1992
OCCUPATION: Retired
QUALIFICATIONS: Incumbent, 2009-2013, Nazareth Area School Board; Nazareth Area School Board, 1985-1997; nominee, Phobe Apperson Hearst Outstanding Education Award, National Parent/Teacher's Association, 1991.
RESPONSE: The major issue in education today is providing a quality and affordable education to our children. We have been successful with this goal in the Nazareth Area School District. I support this concept, realizing that this may mean a modest tax increase to maintain our past accomplishments.

ROBERT A. PINEL

D.O.B.: 1962
EDUCATION: Manual High School, Denver, Colo., 1980; Columbia University, New York, NY, B.A., 1984; University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, Ga., J.D., cum laude, 1989
OCCUPATION: Attorney
QUALIFICATIONS: Practicing attorney since 1989, appearing before many boards; member of Eastern Suburban Kiwanis
RESPONSE: Cost and Quality. How do you maintain quality education without bankrupting taxpayers? It is a difficult issue because there are so many mandates imposed by state and federal laws and regulations. The local districts are limited in what they can do. What has to occur is a major restructuring of how education is operated in this country.

REGION 3

Nazareth Borough, Stockertown Borough, Upper Nazareth Western Division

Republican/Democrat

Vote for not more than two

LINDA GERENSER STUBITS

Nazareth
D.O.B.: 1950
EDUCATION: Graduate: Nazareth High School; B.S., elementary education, East Stroudsburg University; M.Ed., education leadership, Lehigh University; M.S., instructional technology, Lehigh University; D.Ed., educational administration, Widener University
OCCUPATION: Independent consultant for education and leadership
QUALIFICATIONS: Lifelong resident Nazareth School District; 25 years teaching experience; 17 years combined experience as school board director/building administrator/assistant superintendent.
RESPONSE: I feel a major issue for me will be to listen to the taxpayer and use their dollars wisely in order to make sound financial decisions that will continue to provide and continually improve quality education programs. I will use my wealth of successful experiences to enhance the budget and educational processes while listening to and collaborating with stakeholders in the Nazareth Area School District business and educational community.

MAURICE C. HELLER

Nazareth
D.O.B.: 1942
EDUCATION: Graduate: Phillipsburg High School; Warren County Community College, associate degree, electronics
QUALIFICATIONS: Past president Kiwanis Club of Nazareth Area; present service to Nazareth Area School District; school board director, 14 years
OCCUPATION: Retired
RESPONSE: School budgets are the major issue. We try to project our needs five years ahead. That's difficult because of unfunded mandates from the state like the new Keystone tests. But if we don't plan ahead, we wind up increasing taxes. That's especially unfair to older home owners on a fixed income.

DOMINIC VILLANI

Nazareth
D.O.B.: 1942
EDUCATION: Graduate of Liberty High School, 1960; B.S., East Stroudsburg University, 1964; master's, East Stroudsburg University, 1967
OCCUPATION: Retired
QUALIFICATIONS: Served as an educator for 37 years — teacher, administrator facilities consultant — 10 years
RESPONSE: The major issue in this election is economic. The NASD provides excellent programs that will be more difficult to maintain if the economy does not improve. My

extensive background in education has provided me with the knowledge and skills to engage administrators, teachers, parents and community. I will work hard for Fact Base Analysis, Collaborative Solutions and Board Transparency to address all issues while keeping the best interests of the students in mind.

NORTHAMPTON AREA

Term: 4 years

REGION I

Allen and Lehigh townships

Republican/Democrat

Vote for one

ROY MARANKI

REGION II

Borough of Northampton and East Allen Township

Republican/Democrat

Vote for not more than two

CHARLES F. FRANTZ JR.
JUDY ODENWELDER

REGION III

Boroughs of Chapman and Bath and Moore Township

Republican/Democrat

Vote for one

JANE ERDO

Bath
D.O.B.: 1952
EDUCATION: Not answered
OCCUPATION: Special education parent consultant
QUALIFICATIONS: School director, 12 years; vice president, Northampton School Board; president, Intermediate Unit 20 Board; Local Right to Education Task Force, 25 years; award, chairperson of the year
RESPONSE: To keep Northampton School District on a forward track to serve the needs of everyone in our community. I use common sense, logic, and being aware of the needs of all stakeholders when making decisions to benefit our schools.

CHARLES J. LONGACRE

Danielsville
D.O.B.: 1952
EDUCATION: Bachelor of science, mechanical engineering, 1974, Wichita State.
OCCUPATION: Licensed professional engineer in Pa. and N.J.
QUALIFICATIONS: NASD Gifted Advisory Council (2001-Present); Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education (PAGE); president, NPAGE (Northampton affiliate of PAGE); career (engineering) and safety presenter in NASD Schools Career Days; parent of four students in NASD.

RESPONSE: Maintaining a high-quality educational program at a fair cost to taxpayers will be my ultimate goal. The greatest challenge facing NASD is maintenance of a high-quality educational program with uncertain governmental funding. A key part of that challenge is successful and cost-effective construction of the new Middle School facility. My background as a professional engineer, and my experience dealing with educational issues facing NASD provide me with unique qualifications for this position.

PEN ARGYL AREA

Boroughs of Pen Argyl and Wind Gap, Plainfield Township

Term: 4 years

REGION I

Pen Argyl Borough

Republican/Democrat

Vote for not more than two

No candidates

REGION II

Plainfield Township

Democrat/Republican

Vote for one

ROBERT C. RUTT

REGION III

Wind Gap Borough

Democrat/Republican

Vote for one

JOE GENNUSA

SAUCON VALLEY DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Borough of Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township

Term: 4 years

Republican/Democrat

Vote for not more than four

RUSSELL LEBKUECHER

themedawsschoolboardteam.com
Hellertown
D.O.B.: 1956
EDUCATION: Graduate, Pen Argyl H.S., 1974, and Northampton C.C. business and marketing, 1985
OCCUPATION: President, Meadows Grove, and chef, 1770 Meadow Road, Hellertown
QUALIFICATIONS: Have been in business since 1989 and know how to control cost
RESPONSE: Salaries and benefits; capital

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NOTE: Only candidate's in contested races were asked for a response.

SCHOOLS

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expenditures; general operating expenses. Make the right choices, common sense morals, protect our homes in local town.

JOHN DOWLING

Bethlehem
D.O.B.: 1947
EDUCATION: Rutgers University, M.B.A., 1977; Walsh University, B.A., 1969
OCCUPATION: Retired financial executive
QUALIFICATIONS: St. Luke's Hospital, board of directors 1990-98; Muhlenberg College, board of directors, 1991-2003; Good Shepherd Hospital, Finance and Investment committees, 2006-2013; Walsh University, board of trustees, 2007-2013; Muhlenberg College, distinguished visiting instructor, (pro bono), M&A and Multinational Finance; C.P.A.
RESPONSE: The major issue in the community is keeping taxes as low as possible. This can only be achieved through cost control. The total expense of instruction per student must not be allowed to continually grow. Pension costs must be controlled by carefully controlling the salary base.

JEANNE M. REILLY

Sites.google.com/site/reillyforsvschooldirector
 Hellertown
D.O.B.: 1974
EDUCATION: Graduate: Ridgewood High School, Ridgewood, N.J., 1993; B.A., Haverford College, 1997; M.Ed. Lehigh University, 2011
OCCUPATION: Not currently employed
QUALIFICATIONS: Parent of fifth, third and first graders at SV; Hellertown Area Library Board Trustee & Treasurer; community volunteer - SVYSA, SVPTG, SVPTO, St. Theresa's PREP teacher; experience working in schools.
RESPONSE: I believe that the major issue in this campaign is maintaining high educational standards while remaining fiscally responsible. As a parent, I care deeply about the quality of a Saucon Valley education. Parents need a voice on the board so that student needs are addressed and not ignored. Spending needs to be reined in with prudent cuts that do not adversely affect the quality of education.

ROBERT K. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem
D.O.B.: 1963
EDUCATION: B.S., DeSales University, 1989; M.B.A. Moravian College, 1997.
OCCUPATION: Sales executive, AT&T
QUALIFICATIONS: Audit Committee, The Hillside School; Communications Committee, Musikfest; Participated as a community member in SVSD Board meetings since 2008. I am familiar with current projects and workings of the board. Parent of students attending Saucon Valley schools.
RESPONSE: Currently, a majority of the sitting board has a prime focus of cutting costs regardless of impact. Seven of nine

directors do not have children attending our schools. Further, the administration has been restricted from using their best judgment to run our schools. I will put the students first and restore respect for staff and administration. This can be done without increasing costs. I am running to restore and enhance our status as a premier school district.

EDWARD INGHRIM

www.SVSDSunshine.com
 Hellertown
D.O.B.: 1942
EDUCATION: SUNY, 1962, B.S., electrical engineering
OCCUPATION: Retired; 1962-1974, Bell Telephone Laboratories; 1974-1984, AT&T; 1984-2006, Bell Communications Research; 2006-2011, Financial Strategies Group
QUALIFICATIONS: Director, Saucon Valley SD, seven years; Saucon Valley Partnership, five years; Lower Saucon/Hellertown delegate to Northampton County Tax Commission Committee; chair, Penn Foundation Advisory Committee, two years
RESPONSE: Eight years ago I ran for the school board to correct years of runaway spending and taxing. Our district had the highest property tax in the county fueled by spending and tax increases of 8% and 9% per year. We have not increased taxes in four years and are shooting for five, academics standards have been maintained and we have not cut staff. With the looming pension crisis, we must maintain our fiscal discipline.

SANDRA MILLER

No response

CEDRIC DETTMAR

www.cedricdettmar.org
 Hellertown
D.O.B.: 1960
EDUCATION: B.S., Villanova, 1975; B.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1982; M.B.A., UCLA, 1989
OCCUPATION: Manager, software engineer
QUALIFICATIONS: SV School Board meetings - attend and speak regularly as a parent since 2010. Previously an executive responsible for a \$25 million business unit; Saucon Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation, Environmental Education Center lead parent; member of District 1-to-1 Computing Initiative
RESPONSE: Saucon Valley is facing economic challenge. Pennsylvania is demanding more and our citizens have less to give. I have the experience to tackle these difficult financial demands while striving to protect taxpayers. Our students are holding their own with test scores while others throughout the state advance. I will join with our administrators and teachers to find ways to better prepare our children for the 21st century without relying on spending more.

JANIE A. HECKER

Bethlehem
D.O.B.: 1950
EDUCATION: Hellertown Lower Saucon High School, 1967; B.S., El. Ed., Kutztown State College, 1971; M.Ed, Lehigh University; certifi-

cations: supervisor of curriculum and instruction, 2000; superintendent letter, 2005
OCCUPATION: Retired
QUALIFICATIONS: Educator, 40 years of service; 27 years teaching, 13 years school administrator. Hellertown Area Library Board, seven years. Saucon Valley School Board, eight years //
RESPONSE: The major issue faced by board members is funding, including cuts to federal and state funding and receding local sources. A Saucon Valley School District board member must have broad knowledge of the essential components necessary to educating all children in a cost effective manner. I offer my knowledge as an educator along with board experience to make effective decisions that will provide program quality while being a good steward of the tax dollar.

RALPH PUERTA

www.svsdsunshine.com
 Hellertown
D.O.B.: 1948
EDUCATION: Lehigh Univ., B.S., materials science, 1970; MBA, finance, 1981; EdD, education finance, 1999
OCCUPATION: President, Pennsylvania Metallurgical Inc.
QUALIFICATIONS: President, Saucon Valley School Board, 2006-2009; SVSD board director, 2010-2013
RESPONSE: Every candidate wants the best education for our children. But a fiscally unsound system will never succeed. From 1996-2005 SVSD spending increased 9% per year and taxes increased 8% per year. On election in 2006 I promised to use good business disciplines in public education. From 2006-2013 spending increased 2% per year and taxes 1% per year. We all worked together. I believe my participation and leadership helped to shape this successful period for SVSD.

DAVID FALCARO

No response

HERBERT C. PAYUNG

Hellertown
D.O.B.: 1958
EDUCATION: Rancocas Valley Regional High School; 1977 Burlington County Co College; business
OCCUPATION: Construction
QUALIFICATIONS: Former Saucon Valley School Board director, 2005-2007; facilities chairman, Bethlehem Vo-Tech rep.; Hellertown Police Pension Board chairman since 1996.
RESPONSE: MONEY. With state/federal funding cut-backs to education, it's all about allocating resources correctly. As facility chairman from 2005-2007, I helped implement 3.5 Million Dollars in capital improvements for under \$400,000. I personally regrouted the HS pool saving taxpayers another \$7,000. These savings allowed the SVSD to retain the highest level of educators without cutting a single program. If elected, I will continue to deliver the highest education standards for all with minimal impact to

taxpayers.

WILSON AREA

Boroughs of Glendon, West Easton, Wilson; Williams Township
Term: 4 years

REGION I

1st and 2nd Wards of Wilson Borough

Republican/Democrat

Vote for one

JANIS E. KRIEGER

Democrat

Vote for one

LINDA A. BASKWELL

REGION II

3rd Ward of Wilson, Glendon and West Easton Boroughs

Republican/Democrat

Vote for not more than two

TONY VERENNA

SCOTT R. WAMSLEY

REGION III

Williams Township

Republican/Democrat

Vote for one

JOHN CUSICK

Easton
D.O.B.: 1966
EDUCATION: B.A., Lehigh University, math and history; M.Ed., East Stroudsburg University, secondary education
OCCUPATION: Math teacher
QUALIFICATIONS: Northampton County Council, eight years, council president; three years, chaired finance, personnel, and open space committees; Williams Township supervisor, chairman, four years; board membership: Lehigh Valley Planning Commission; Discover Lehigh Valley; Pa. County Commissioner Association.
RESPONSE: Successfully implementing the Common Core State Standards and assuring that all students are prepared to pass the new Keystone Exams required for graduation are my priorities. I intend to promote high educational standards, seek input from parents and staff, hold administrators accountable and scrutinize the budget for efficiencies. Pressure our state legislature to implement special education, charter school, and pension reforms to reduce our local tax burden and continue integrating technology skills in the classroom.

BILL WALLACE

No Response